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FROM: AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES		CLASSIFICATION [REDACTED]	
E.O. 11652: TAGS: SUBJECT:		GDS 7/23/85 (HALLMAN, WILLIAM H.) OR-P SHUM AR DISAPPEARANCE REPORTED	
ACTION:		SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY DECONTROL [REDACTED] BUENOS AIRES	
AMB DCM POL 3 POL/R ECOM ICA CONS CHRON RF		1. (U) The Buenos Aires Herald reported July 21 the disappearance of Miguel Angel De Nichilo on July 14, and on the afternoon of July 23 Mrs. De Nichilo visited the Embassy to give further details and request assistance. 2. [REDACTED] On the face of it, it seems possible that De Nichilo's disappearance was due to common crime or to his own decision. De Nichilo is 34, married and the father of four children. He left his usual work as a Dodge agency salesman in La Plata at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday July 14. A companion at the agency dropped him at the railroad station to take a train to Buenos Aires, where De Nichilo was to join his wife and children at his wife's mother's residence for the weekend. De Nichilo, however, nearly always traveled	
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by bus and had in fact first gone to the bus station with his friend before he decided this time to travel by train because of the long bus ticket line -- seeming to rule out the possibility that his disappearance might have been an abduction planned by persons familiar with his movements.

3. Mrs. De Nichilo fears, however, that her husband was abducted for political reasons because of his past association with a group of armed terrorists known as the "Frente Argentina de Liberacion" (FAL), even though Mrs. De Nichilo affirms that her husband cut his ties with that organization 10 years ago and has had no subsequent contact with it. Another source of concern to Mrs. De Nichilo is the fact that her husband's closest friend, Jorge Karavelos, and Karavelos' wife, Lucia Suica, were abducted and apparently killed after an argument they were having in a bar caught the attention of police officers in mufti and they were taken away for questioning. Relatives of Karavelos submitted habeas corpus petitions for Jorge and Lucia when they failed to return home. Some months later the relatives were told that the two Karavelos had died in "an automobile accident" and that their bodies could not be returned. This happened one year ago. Karavelos was also a member of the FAL.



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4.  Mrs. De Nichilo said that her husband has worked as an automobile salesman for several years. De Nichilo usually lived in La Plata, but spent two years as a car salesman in Puerto Madryn, sent there by his La Plata employers. Mrs. De Nichilo denied there were family problems, or that her husband might have had enemies who wanted his death.
5.  We will raise this case with General Viola at first opportunity and with other security forces contacts.

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